

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-102 were pending. Claims 100-102 were canceled. Claim 103 was added. Support for new claim 103 can be found, for example, at least in claim 55 as original pending. No new matter has been added.

***Response to Restriction Requirement***

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

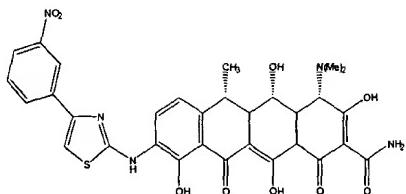
Group I: claims 1-99 (drawn to product); or

Group II: claims 100-102 (drawn to intermediates).

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-99), without traverse.

***Response to Election of Species***

Under 35 U.S.C. §121, the Examiner has also required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species. Applicants elect:



It is Applicants' understanding that the species election is for searching purposes only, and upon a finding of allowability of the elected species, the remaining species also will be searched.

**SUMMARY**

The cancellation of claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's objections and/or rejections. The cancellation of claims is being made solely to expedite prosecution of the above-identified application. Applicants reserve the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the present or another patent application. The cancellation of claims herein is not related to any issues of patentability.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's Attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-2779.

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